

**REPORT - PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**  
**June 12, 2003**

**Applicant:** Fremont Recycle and Transfer Station/Revisions to City of Fremont Solid Waste System (PLN2002-00270 and PLN2003-00270)

**Proposal:** To receive and provide comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Revisions to the City of Fremont Solid Waste System. The proposed project is the transfer of municipal solid waste from collection vehicles to transfer vehicles at a Transfer Station/Materials Recovery Facility (TS/MRF) to be located at 41149 Boyce Road in the City of Fremont. From the TS/MRF, the waste will be hauled to one of the following: (a) the existing Forward Landfill located at 9999 South Austin Road in San Joaquin County or (b) the existing Altamont Landfill located at 10840 Altamont Pass Road in Alameda County. A Conditional Use Permit for a Transfer Station/Materials Recovery Facility (TS/MRF) at 41149 Boyce Road in the Industrial Planning Area is required. A General Plan Text Amendment is also necessary to reflect the proposed location of the TS/MRF.

**Recommended Action:** Receive written and oral comments from the public and Planning Commission on the Revision to the City of Fremont Waste Management System Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) (SCH#2001122003).

**Location:** 41149 Boyce Road in the Industrial Planning Area and either 9999 South Austin Road in San Joaquin County or 10840 Altamont Pass Road in Alameda County.

**APN:** 531-0165-045 (Boyce Road); 201-060-03 et. al. (South Austin Road); and 99B-6225-1, 99B-6250-1, 99B-6275-1-1, and 99B-6275-1-4 (Altamont Pass Road)

**Area:** 13.5 acre parcel

**Owner:** BLT Enterprises of Fremont, Inc.

**Agents of Applicant:** Shawn Gutttersen and Daniel Rosenthal

**Consultant(s):** David J. Powers and Associates (EIR Consultant)

**Environmental Review:** A Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) has been circulated for this project. The public review period for the DEIR started on May 15, 2003 and ends on June 30, 2003.

**Existing General Plan:** Transfer Station: General Industrial; Forward Landfill: General Agriculture; Altamont Landfill: Large Parcel Agriculture

**Existing Zoning:** Transfer Station: G-I (General Industrial); Forward Landfill: AG-40 (Agriculture); Altamont Landfill: A (Agriculture)

**Existing Land Use:** Vacant industrial building

**Public Hearing Notice:** Public hearing notification is applicable. 124 notices were mailed to interested parties and owners and occupants of property within a minimum radius of 1,000 feet of the site on the following streets: Eureka Drive (Newark), Boyce Road, Boscell Road, Steward Avenue and Stevenson Boulevard. The notices to owners and occupants were mailed on June 2, 2003. A Public Hearing Notice was delivered to The Argus newspaper on May 28, 2003 to be published by June 2, 2003.

**Scope of the Meeting:** The Planning Commission is being asked to receive written and oral comments from the public and Planning Commission on the completeness and accuracy of the Revisions to the City of Fremont Solid Waste System

Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) (SCH# 2001122003). The public review period for the DEIR started on May 15, 2003 and ends on June 30, 2003.

**Background:** On May 15, 2003, the City of Fremont began circulation of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Revisions to the City of Fremont Solid Waste System. The DEIR serves as a means of recognizing and disclosing environmental impacts that may result from the proposed project. The proposed project is the transfer of municipal solid waste from collection vehicles to transfer vehicles at a Transfer Station/Materials Recovery Facility (TS/MRF) to be located at 41149 Boyce Road in the City of Fremont. From the TS/MRF, the waste will be hauled to one of the following: (a) the existing Forward Landfill located at 9999 South Austin Road in San Joaquin County or (b) the existing Altamont Landfill located at 10840 Altamont Pass Road in Alameda County. The TS/MRF will be designed to accept both waste and source separated recyclables. Materials will be separated into marketable categories and hauled to processing facilities. A Conditional Use Permit for a Transfer Station/Materials Recovery Facility (TS/MRF) at 41149 Boyce Road is required. A General Plan Text Amendment is also proposed to reflect the proposed location of the TS/MRF.

Draft Environmental Impact Reports (DEIR) are prepared to disclose environmental impacts to meet the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). They must be circulated for public review and comment for a minimum of 45 days prior to any action being taken on the project. The review/comment period on the DEIR for this project began on May 15, 2003 and ends on June 30, 2003.

No action will be taken at this hearing. The purpose of this meeting is to receive testimony and comments regarding the DEIR. While this meeting is not for the purpose of evaluating project approvals, it is the opportunity to discuss the environmental impacts of the proposed project and the adequacy of the environmental analysis. All written and oral comments received during the comment period will be responded to in the Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR). The project hearing will occur after circulation of the DEIR is completed and the Final EIR is prepared.

Copies of the DEIR were delivered to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR the State Clearing House) where it was then distributed to appropriate State agencies. The DEIR was also filed with the Alameda County Clerk's Office and must remain on file there for a minimum of 45 days. Upon completion of the review period, the State Clearinghouse and the County Clerk will mail back a receipt of completed posting. The State Clearinghouse will also mail back comments received from those agencies reviewing the document. The Final EIR, which includes responses to comments received during the public comment period, and the DEIR together constitute the complete Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The Commission certifies as complete and makes a recommendation that the EIR adequately addresses and discloses environmental impacts of the proposed project after the comment period and prior to any discretionary action being taken on the project.

**Project Description:** The project site is at 41149 Boyce Road, south of Interstate 880 (I-880) and between Stevenson Boulevard and Auto Mall Parkway in the Industrial Planning Area. The proposed project is the transfer of municipal solid waste from collection vehicles to transfer vehicles at a Transfer Station/Materials Recovery Facility (TS/MRF) to be located at 41149 Boyce Road in the City of Fremont. From the TS/MRF, the waste will be hauled to one of the following existing, permitted landfills: (a) the Forward Landfill located at 9999 South Austin Road in San Joaquin County or (b) the Altamont Landfill located at 10840 Altamont Pass Road in Alameda County. The TS/MRF will be designed to accept both waste and source separated recyclables. Materials will be separated into marketable categories and hauled to processing facilities. A Conditional Use Permit for a Transfer Station/Materials Recover Facility (TS/MRF) at 41149 Boyce Road in the Industrial Planning Area is required. A General Plan Text Amendment is proposed to reflect the proposed location of the TS/MRF.

**Project Analysis:** The purpose of the public hearing at this time is to seek oral and written comments/testimony on the Draft EIR from the general public and Planning Commission prior to the close of the comment period on June 30, 2003. Questions made and comments given at this stage of the review should be on the environmental impacts of this project.

The enclosed Executive Summary provides a clear and simple description of the proposed project and its potential environmental impacts. The Summary identifies potential impacts and recommended mitigation measures that would minimize or avoid potentially significant impacts. The Draft EIR evaluated all the environmental elements as prescribed by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). After the consultant responds to all the comments and a Final EIR is

published, and a public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission for consideration of the Final EIR for the proposed Conditional Use Permit and General Plan Amendment.

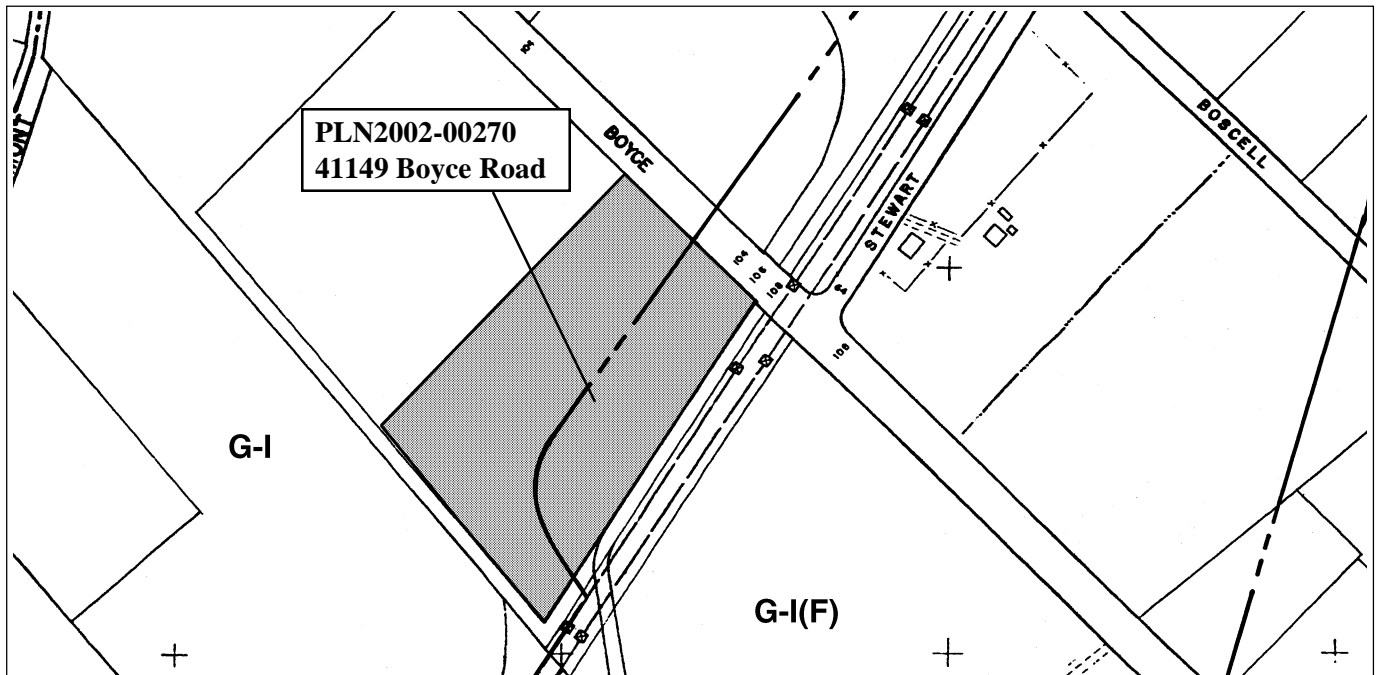
**Enclosures:**

- Executive Summary  
(Note: A copy of the Draft EIR was submitted to the Planning Commission on May 15, 2003---- please bring the copy to the meeting or request another copy)

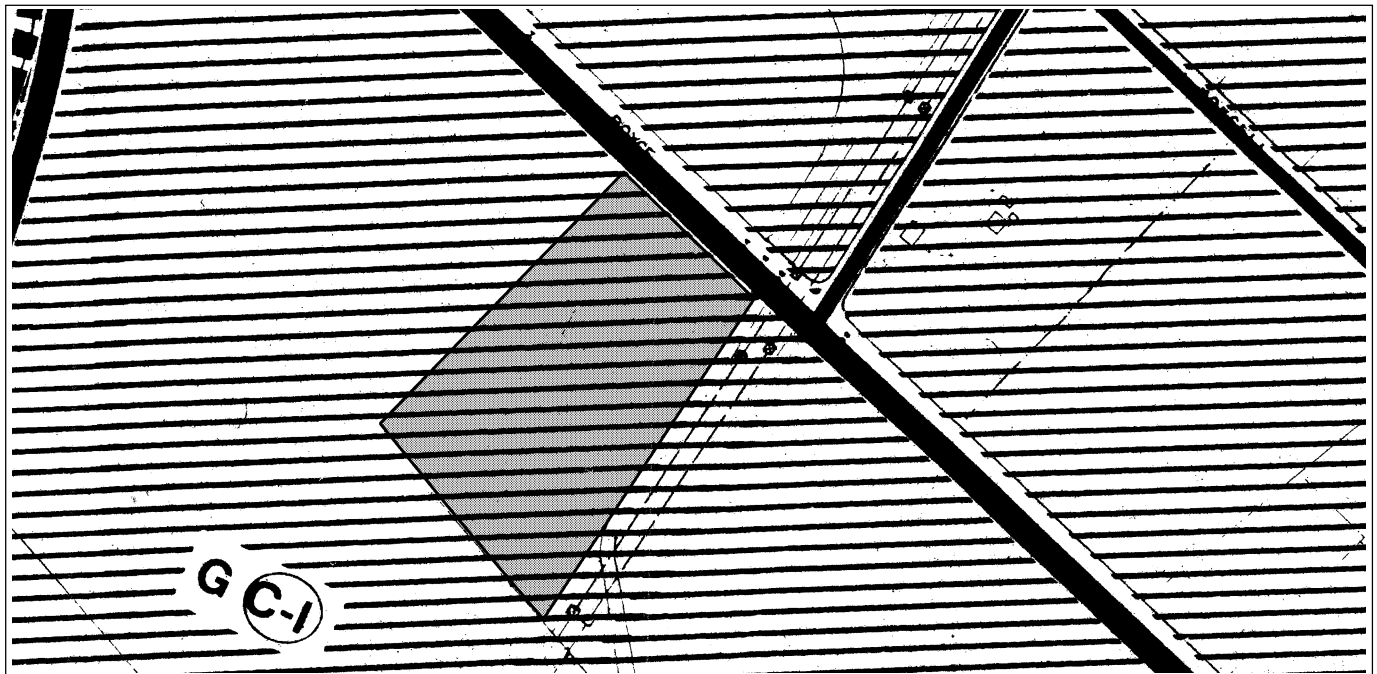
**Recommended Actions:**

1. Hold public hearing to receive written and oral comments/testimony from the public and Planning Commission.
2. Refer comments on Draft EIR from the public and Planning Commission to the EIR consultant for responses to be included in the Final EIR.

# INFORMATIONAL



Existing Zoning



Existing General Plan

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**Note:** Prior arrangements for access are not required for this site.

